

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action Claims 1 to 7 and 37 to 39 have been rejected as unpatentable over Smyth in view of Laing. The Examiner has stated that Laing discloses the automatically adjusted bearing that responses [sic] to thermal load (column 2, lines 3-11). However, Laing is referring to bearing seats for ball bearings, as in Figures 4 and 5 showing ball bearings 30 and 42. Applicant has amended the claims so that they now refer to support means, instead of bearings, to distinguish it from the ball bearings of Laing et al. As a result, Applicant believes that Claims 1 to 7 and 37 to 39 are now patentable.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes this application to be ready for allowance and earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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